

## Black Mountain

The historic 1908 station and property are owned by Norfolk Southern and leased to the Old Depot Association, a non-profit organization which saved the station from demolition, partially restored it, and has maintained it since the 1970s.



*Historic Black Mountain station*

Due to the constricted site, the station would need to be relocated to improve safety, drainage and parking. A 35-space parking lot will be constructed beside the relocated station.

Two different options for the station floor plan have been developed in cooperation with local representatives. The first accommodates the Old Depot Association in half of the station and a 20-passenger waiting room in the other half. The second option uses the entire station for passenger rail service, with a separate office to accommodate an Old Depot Association staff person, Welcome Center, or other use.

**Proposed:** Relocate and renovate station to include 20-passenger waiting room, restrooms, boarding platform, 35 parking spaces

**Other uses:** Old Depot Association Office

**Estimated cost:** \$1,301,367

## Asheville

Two passenger train stations originally served the Asheville region: the one near downtown Asheville was demolished in 1964; the other in Biltmore Village is now privately owned and houses a restaurant. To involve the community in the station location process, the NCDOT worked with a locally appointed task force to evaluate and identify possible sites for a new Asheville passenger train station. The task force helped to identify service requirements and operating characteristics of the station and selected five sites to be considered in the study. The Decatur Street site near the old Biltmore Station was selected because of its close proximity to the Biltmore Village, ample room for parking and its ideal location to accommodate passenger trains with minimal conflicts with freight train operations.

The new full service passenger train station, to be built across the tracks from the historic Biltmore Village station, would include a ticket office, a 25-50-passenger waiting room, restrooms, baggage and mailrooms and Amtrak crew facilities. The new parking lot would accommodate 75 parking spaces and space for taxis, buses and shuttles. In addition, a new platform, canopy and service track would be built. Also, pedestrian access will be improved to provide safe access to and from Biltmore Village.

**Proposed:** Construct station with 25-50-passenger waiting room, restrooms, boarding platform, 75 parking spaces

**Other uses:** Unknown at this time; could include a visitor center, retail shops or other transit services

**Estimated cost:** \$2,737,800